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SUBJ: CCD. FOURTH ROUND OF AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP-

FOURTH PLENARY MEETING AUGUST 4, 1977

1. SUMMARY: THE FOURTH PLENARY MEETING OF THE FOURTH ROUND OF THE AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP WAS HELD ON AUG4.

THE DISCUSSION OF CHAPTER 7 (ON COSTS OF THE SYSTEM) WAS COMPLETED. A PROPOSAL BY THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, AND DENMARK TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN DETAILED PLANNING FOR AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE AND WAS REJECTED BY SEVERAL REPRESENT-ATIVES (UK, USSR, US, SWEDEN). END SUMMARY

2. THE DISCUSSION OF CHAPTER 7 (EQUIPMENT AND ESTIMATED COSTS TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE THE SPECIFIED SYSTEM) WAS INITIATED BY THE CONVENOR, DR. HARJES (FRG), HE OUTLINED, WITH ORDER OF MAGNITUDE COST ESTIMATES, THE EQUIPMENT AND

ESTIMATED COSTS IN MONEY AND MANPOWER TO OPERATE SELECTED STATIONS, TO MAKE SESIRABLE MODIFICATIONS OF EXISTING STATIONS (APPROX. \$40 K FOR DIGITAL CONVERSION), AND TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NEW STATEIONS (ESTIMATES RANGE FROM \$75 K TO \$300 K). HE THEN DISCUSSED THE EQUIPMENT AND ESTIMATED COSTS FOR TRANSMITTING DATA BETWEEN STATIONS AND DATA CENTERS (RANGES FROM \$4 K FOR TELECOPYING EQUIPMENT TO \$50 K FOR TRANSMITTING WAVEFORM DATA). FINALLY, HE GAVE THE EQUIPMENT AND ESTIMATED COSTS IN MONEY AND MANPOWER TO ESTABLISH PROPOSED DATA CENTERS AND TO OPERATE EXISTING AND PROPOSED DATA CENTERS (\$500 K). THERE WERE MENY TECHNICAL COMMENTS FROM THE GROUP. THE MORE IMPORTANT OF THOSE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING: (1) CANNOT GENERALLY FORMULATE COSTS AND THEY ARE VERY SMALL ANYWAY (GDR, USSR); (2) THE COSTS OF SOFTWARE EQUALED THAT OF THE HARDWARE (DENMARK, USSR); (3) THE DATA CENTERS SHOULD HAVE IDENTICAL EQUIPMENT (USSR); (4) THE HARDWARE SHOULD NOT BE SPECIFIED IN DETAIL AT THIS STAGE (US); (5) THAT THE VOLUME OF DATA PROCESSING WILL INCREASE AT THE CENTERS AS THE THRESHOLD IS LOWERED (USSR); (6) THAT THE INSTALLATION OF AN SRO BOREHOLE INSTRUMENT WILL NOT NECESSARILY LOWER THE BACKGROUND SHORT PERIOD NOISE LEVELS AS MUCH AS THOSE AT LONGER PERIODS (US); AND (7) THAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS CHAPTER SHOULD BE INDICATED TO THE CCD (DENMARK). AT THE END OF THIS DUSCUSSION, THE CONVENOR (FRG) SAID MOST OF THOSE COMMENTS COULD BE INCLUDED, AND FOR THOSE COMMENTS WHICH GENERATED DISAGREEMENT HE WOULD TRY TO RESOLVE IN PRIVATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONVERSATIONS.

3. A JOINT PROPOSAL BY THE NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, AND DENMARK WAS PRESENTED TO HAVE THE AD HOC GROUP IMMEDIATELY BEGIN DETAILED PLANNING FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE. SEVERAL COUNTRIES VOICE DISAPPROVAL OF THIS IDEA, AND THOSE INCLUDED SWEDEN, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE US, AND THE USSR. THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL CENTERED MAINLY ON (1) THE TIME AVAILABLE TO THE GROUP AND (2) THAT ANY PLANNING WOULD REQUIRE A COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES BY THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

4. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 5 IN THE MORNING.
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